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providing an electrode stack which includes a first electrode extending from one end of the stack, a second electrode extending from an opposite end of the stack, and a longitudinal axis between said ends of the stack;

folding at least one section of the first electrode so that it extends in a direction at an angle to the longitudinal axis to form a tab connection portion, such that said tab connection portion does not extend over substantially the entire surface portion of one end of said stack.

11/33. (Twice Amended) A method of making an electrochemical cell comprising the steps of:

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providing an electrode stack which includes a first electrode extending from one end of the stack, a second electrode extending from an opposite end of the stack, and a longitudinal axis between said ends of the stack;

folding at least one section of the first electrode so that it extends in a direction at an angle to the longitudinal axis to form a tab connection portion; and

making a pair of slits that are substantially parallel to each other in the one end of the electrode stack, wherein said slits extend across an entire radius of the one end of the electrode stack and wherein said step of folding at last one section of the first electrode includes folding at least on section of the first electrode between said pair of slits.